Trials of a Sith

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Summary: The sequel to Empire of the Sith. Follow Ben and the gang as they grow more and more powerful in the Dark Side of the Force, and bring about a new Sith Empire.

1. Chapter 1

**Darth Talon: "We've now reached the sequel to Empire of the Sith! What's that mean?"**

**Ahsoka: "IITT'SSSS DANCING TIME!"**

***Music begins to play as Ahsoka starts break dancing.***

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>"The Sith." = Talking
"The Sith." = Thinking

"The Sith." = Yelling

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>Currently flying through hyperspace was the very same Imperial star ship that Ben and the others took to get off of Earth. The hyperdrive coordinates were set for Korriban, and it's been three

days since they left.

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>Prologue_

Currently, Ben, A.K.A. Darth Nemesis, was asleep in his chambers after a long day of training and meditation. But it wasn't all work. He also spent much of his time with little Azusa, playing with and taking care of him. The baby Togruta was quite the energetic and curious baby, as proven by the multiple exploits he's made. Such as when Ben needed to save him from being squashed by the refrigerator!

However the little Togruta managed to knock over such a heavy object on his own without using the Force is beyond my comprehension.

And having been squashed beneath the fridge due to saving the little tyke left Ben tired and sore, so he was resting in his quarters. And cuddled up next to him was Talon, a happy smile on her face as she rested her head on his chest, listening to the sound of his heartbeat. Years ago, if you'd told Talon that she would one day choose a mate and train him as her apprentice, she'd pin you to the wall and gut you like a fish!

But now, she was just happy to finally have such a wonderful man in her life. The Force has truly blessed her after all of her suffering.

"_My love… I know you still carry a huge burden on your shoulders, but you aren't alone anymore." _Talon thought to herself as she kissed Ben on the cheek. "_You will never be alone anymore!"_

With that thought in mind, Talon closed her eyes and drifted off to sleep. Her dreams were filled with herself and Ben having a family if their own. Ben was the Emperor of a new Sith Empire, she was his Queen, and there was a five year old Twi'lek girl and a human boy running around. Their children. In this dream, Talon was also pregnant with their third child. And Azusa was the elder teenage brother, making sure his siblings stayed out of trouble.

Unknown to her, Ben was also having that same dream. The only difference being that there were also Togruta and Dathomirian children running around in addition to Twi'lek and human kids.

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>***Dreamscape***_

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>"Can't catch me, Kenny!" said a little Twi'lek girl
with pink skin.

"WAS THAT A CHALLENGE? IF IT'S A RACE YOU WANT, IT'S A RACE YOU'LL GET!" declared a little human boy with golden eyes.

He ran after his sister, being as careful as possible not to make a mess of the throne room. Especially since their pregnant mother was there, along with their big brother Azusa.

"Be careful, children! Remember, your father will be here to teach you the ways of the Sith soon." Talon gently reminded.

"Okay!" the kids said in understanding.

_They knew that their dad was a very serious man, being the Emperor and all, but he was also very kind and loving towards his family. He was also personally teaching his children the ways of the Sith.

The door opened, and in walked an older version of Ben Tennyson. He now sported a beard, was taller and more masculine, and his right arm was now a droid prosthetic. He was dressed in traditional Sith Inquisitor robes, and seemed to have an air of content in his aura.

"I'm home! Who missed me?"
"DAD!/DADDY!" Ken and his sister cried.

The two children tackle hugged their dad, causing him to fall flat on his back. But instead of getting mad, he just laughed it off and hugged his children back. Talon smiled at the sight as she rubbed her bulging stomach, feeling the new life growing within her. She sighed happily as she remembered how this all came to be.

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>***Record scratching
noise.***_

**Ahsoka: "Hey!"**

**Talon: "That was the creepiest thing I've ever seen in my life."**

Ahsoka: "You're no fun!"

2. Chapter 2

**Small AN: Once I update Rosario GX after this chapter, I'll be focusing on updating this story for awhile. I want to at least get this one up to seven chapters before starting on anything else.**

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>You'll be in My Heart_

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>"Where's the baby? There he is!" Ventress cooed as she played
peek a boo with Azusa.>

The baby Togruta giggled and clapped his little hands, as he found this action to be funny. The Dathomirian girl just couldn't get over how adorable he was, and was also using this time to gain experience in taking care of small children. After all, if they were to train

young Sith, they'd need deep patience to pass on their teachings. Although, Ventress was fairly certain that Ben was going to abolish the rule of two.

Ahsoka watched with a smile as this teenage version of the woman who was once her enemy showed a soft spot for the baby. It honestly gave her a warm and fuzzy feeling inside to see such interactions. If possible, her grin widened when she heard Azusa squeal with laughter as Ventress blew a raspberry into the baby Togruta's belly.

"Glad you're having fun back there, but try to tone it down. Some of us are trying to make sure we don't crash." Ahsoka said teasingly.

Ventress pouted at that comment and looked away.

"You're no fun!" Ventress pouted.

"Oh, lighten up, Ahsoka." Shaak said as she entered the room. "The ship's autopilot can fly us to Korriban while we take care of Azusa."

"I know, I know, I was just teasing." Ahsoka replied.

Though, confidentially, the ship's autopilot was already on. Ahsoka was just sitting there and pretending she knew what she was doing. So, she sighed and got up from the pilot's seat before the older Togruta became even more of a downer.

"So, how much longer do you think it'll be until we reach Korriban?" Ahsoka asked.

"By my estimation, given the quadrant of the galaxy we're in, I'd say that we will reach Korriban in about another day and a half." Shaak replied.

"Well then, we should probably get this little guy fed and get some shut eye." Ventress said.

The others nodded in agreement and went to get everything done. Ahsoka heated up Azusa's formula before checking to make sure it was the right temperature.

"Here you go, little man. Drink up." Ahsoka cooed as she fed the baby Togruta.

Azusa just made little baby grunts as he drank his dinner. Heck, it certainly didn't take him long to drain the whole thing. And when he was finished, Ahsoka adjusted him so that his head was resting on her shoulder and began to pat his back.

It had the desired outcome as Azusa let out a belch that would've made a certain boy with buck teeth and a silly pink hat proud. The baby let out a content sigh, and snuggled deeper into Ahsoka's embrace. This action caused Ahsoka to smile as her maternal instincts kicked into overdrive, and she did something she never thought she'd do again.

She began to sing.

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_Come stop your crying,_
_It will be alright._
_Just take my hand,_
_Hold it tight._
_I will protect you _
_from all around you,_
_I will be here,_
_Don't you cry._
Ahsoka began to gently rock Azusa back and forth as she made her way
to her room in the ship. That's where Azusa's crib was put, but
Ahsoka had other plans.
_For one so small,_
_You seem so strong._
_My arms will hold you,_
_Keep you safe and warm._
_This bond between us_
_Can't be broken._
_I will be here,_
_Don't you cry._
Azusa let out a small yawn as the lullaby began to take full effect.
Ahsoka smiled and kissed her adopted son on his forehead before
continuing her song.
'_Cause you'll be in my heart._
_You'll be in my heart._
_From this day on,_
_Now and forever,_
_You'll be in my heart._
_No matter what they say,_
_You'll be in my heart, always…_
Ahsoka laid the now sleeping Azusa on her bed, dressed in her
nighttime attire, and cuddled up with her son. She kissed his
forehead, making the baby smile in his sleep.
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"Always…!" Ahsoka said as she fell asleep.

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3. Chapter 3

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>Arrival on Korriban: Dreams of the Future!_

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>Ahsoka's eyes fluttered open as she awoke from a strange dream she had. She yawned and rubbed the sleep out of her eyes as she tried to wake up. But as she shifted a bit, she felt as though there was someone else in the room with her.>

She looked to see Azusa, her baby boy, sleeping soundly. He was snuggled up to her for warmth and had his thumb in his mouth, grunting a bit as he subconsciously suckled the aforementioned digit. Ahsoka smiled at this sight, mentally squealing at the cuteness of her child. It still felt a bit strange; a former Jedi being a mother. But she wasn't complaining.

A few minutes later Azusa yawned and opened his eyes, instantly smiling at the sight of his mother.

"Good morning, sweetie. How you doing today?" Ahsoka asked, cooing at her son.

Azusa just started giggling and making cute baby noises in response, reaching up for his mommy to pick him up. Ahsoka was more than happy to oblige, and picked up her son. She kissed his forehead and cradled the baby Togruta in her arms.

That's when Azusa's belly made a rumbly sound. Obviously, the little guy didn't like that noise or the feeling that came with it, and he started hitting his stomach in response.

"Ah, ah, ah, Azusa, don't hurt your tummy. It's just telling you that it's hungry." Ahsoka said, gently gripping her adopted son's hand.

Cradling Azusa with one hand, Ahsoka began to prepare his formula with her remaining hand. She did so relatively quickly, and after checking to make sure it was the right temperature, she started feeding Azusa. The baby started grunting as he ate, feeling the rich, creamy milk flowing down his hungry throat.

Ahsoka sighed in contentment as she fed her child, and yet she couldn't help but think about the dream she had last night.

"_It was so strange…"_

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>***During Ahsoka's Dreamâ€|***_

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>"DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE! THESE FOOLS WILL REGRET EVER MESSING WITH THE EMPIRE!"

She was on a battle ground, leading the charge as her forces fended off rebellion forces that were fighting against the Sith Empire. Only she was older, stronger, and wiser than before. She was also wearing new battle armor that was both thin enough to allow maximum mobility, and strong enough to deflect plasma bolts from blasters.

Her troops charged in, ready to take down the enemy troops, but the rebels were far more prepared than they let on.

Imperial Troopers were sent flying as cannon fire rained down on the battlefield. Ahsoka took notice of this, and called up the captain of her platoon. As his hologram appeared, she grew restless.

"_What's the hold up, captain?" Ahsoka asked. "You should've had these guys finished off by now!"_

"_Sir! They've brought out heavy cannons! We can't break through their defenses!" the captain reported. "We're losing more troops than we can shoot down, and will be utterly decimated at this rate!"_

Heavy cannons. Boy, that takes her back. She remembered when she was first given to Anakin as a Padawan, and they had used heavy cannons to drive back the droid army. But now wasn't the time to be lost in memories.

"_Tell the men to fall back! We'll regroup and find a way around their cannons!" Ahsoka ordered._

"_Uh, I'd love to, sir, but there's a slight problem." the captain informed. "Your son is still out there fighting."_

That made Ahsoka's eyes widen comically as only a few words made their way out of her mouth.

"_Azusa, if we live, you are SO grounded!"_

Meanwhile, slicing his way through rebel after rebel as he continued to fight on. His crimson colored blade danced about as he cut down enemy after enemy.

"_WEAKLINGS! YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN OPPOSE THE SITH AND GET AWAY WITH IT? YOU'RE CRAZY!"_

At this time, Azusa is thirteen years old, and already he's very skilled in the Sith arts. His black and red Sith Warrior armor made him seem like a demon straight out of hell. And his crimson colored cross guard Lightsaber further inspired fear into his enemies.

But the Troopers that were fighting under him seemed a bit uncertain.

"_Should we stop him?" TK-675 asked. "I mean, his mother is sure to

have our heads if he dies out here on the field."_

"_You wanna tell a commanding officer to retreat? Especially when he's a Sith!?" TK-092 asked incredulously. "Man, you must have some kinda death wish!"

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>***Back to the Presentâ€|***_

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>Ahsoka was broken from her thoughts when she heard the familiar sound of Azusa finishing his bottle. She set it on the nightstand, and began to burp her child, knowing that he'd get a stomachache if he wasn't burped.

After a small belch, Azusa sighed in content and snuggled into his mother's shoulder. Ahsoka smiled at this, loving how much joy this child brought to her during these times. She went over to her bed and laid the baby down.

"You wait right there for a moment, sweetie. Mommy needs to get changed." Ahsoka cooed.

She then went over to her closet, and pulled out a new outfit. After changing out of her night attire, she changed into her new clothes.

This new outfit consisted of a black skintight sleeveless top that had red accents on it, a pair of black leggings, and steel black colored shoes. She was also wearing a pair of sleeveless gloves that went up to her elbows. As the final touch, Ahsoka put her Akul Tooth Headdress on her montrals.

Once she was done getting dressed, she turned back to see Azusa rolling around on her bed without a care in the world. Smiling, she walked over and picked up her son. Cradling him in her arms, Ahsoka went to the cockpit of the ship to get everything ready for their arrival on Korriban.

When she got there, she saw that Ben and Talon were already looking out the porthole of the ship. They were already out of hyperspace and were orbiting the planet below. It was quite a large planet with a blood red atmosphere, and immediately she knew where they were. Even baby Azusa was amazed at how beautiful the planet looked.

"Welcome, Lord Nemesis, to the Sith home planet; Korriban!" Talon said.

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>Remember to vote on the poll I posted for Ben's secondary Lightsaber!_

4. Chapter 4

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>New Sith Detected_

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>It took some time to find a suitable landing spot, as what was left of the old Sith Empire had been utterly decimated by the Jedi of the old Republic. The only things that were left were the tombs of Naga Shada and Tulak Hord, the old training grounds, and the Ruins of what was once the Sith Academy.

Rather than brave the tombs with a defenseless baby, or story's main protagonists/antagonists chose to land in front of the Sith Academy ruins. Less dangerous for little Azusa.

Upon landing, Ben took a moment to survey his surroundings.

"So, this is Korriban." he said to himself.

Our young Sith Lord walked out of the ship and further searched his surroundings. It was a barren world, having great deserts of pure sand. But this environment also gave rise to predators. He could sense them through the Force.

"Indeed… I can feel much Dark Side energy flowing through this planet." Ben thought out loud. "It doesn't look like much, but I'm sure that it's just a good fixer upper."

"Ah, the old Sith Academy. So many fond memories of my time here." Talon said, a little lost in memory. "Ending with a war between Jedi and Sith, along with being frozen in crystal and sent to Earth. But still, fond memories."

"I've heard about this place from my old master, back when I was still a Padawan. In my timeline, the Sith Species and their apprentices were at peace with the Jedi Order, but Sidious wanted both sides destroyed so he could build a galactic empire." Ahsoka explained. "He's the reason that the order turned their backs on me, master Kenobi, Padmé, and Skyguy."

"I'm sorry to hear about that." Ben said sympathetically. "And Skyguy?"

"That was an old nickname I gave master Skywalker when I was first given to him as a Padawan. He, in turn, nicknamed me Snips due to my witty and snippy nature." Ahsoka explained.

Ben and the girls could see that talking about her past was doing nothing more than bringing up bad memories for her. Azusa began cooing and used his small hands to pat Ahsoka's face, as if he could instinctively tell that his mommy was not happy. The older Togruta smiled at her child's show of affection, and playfully rubbed the tip of her nose against his.

Ben smiled at how easily Ahsoka's heart melted when around Azusa, and he could tell that Ahsoka was a very affectionate mother. Shaak and Ventress outwardly smiled, but on the inside, they were jealous and wished that they had children of their own.

"Alright, everyone, enough sight seeing." Talon said. "We need to go inside and begin salvaging anything that is still in working condition, before beginning repairs on this place."

The other Acolytes nodded in agreement. Not only did they need to salvage supplies, but they also needed to get Azusa out of the sun. But as they began to move into they began to move into the old Academy building, Ben suddenly stopped in his tracks.

He looked to the tombs of Tulak Hord, and could sense something coming from them. It was a presence that was strong in the Dark Side of the Force.

"_Wait… there are two of them!"_

"Hey, Ben, what's the hold up?" Ventress asked.

"I can sense two new Dark Side Force energies from within the tomb of Tulak Hord. It could be a couple of new Acolytes provided by the Force." Ben informed. "You guys go on inside. I'm gonna go in there and locate them."

"Of course." Shaak said, nodding in agreement. "Just be on your guard at all times. From what I remember, those tombs are infested with predatory creatures that could take down an inexperienced Sith, and love to hunt in packs."

Ben nodded, and started off. But not before giving his son a hug and kiss goodbye.

"Don't worry, sport, daddy will be back soon." Ben assured. "You be good for your mommy, okay?"

Azusa just gurgled and put one of his fingers in his mouth, making Ben chuckle a bit. And with that, he walked off to the tomb of Tulak Hord to find those Force energies.

Little did he know was that it was going to be a lot more difficult than he would like.

Meanwhile, Talon and the others went into the Academy to assess the damage done by father time, and were mildly surprised. It would seem as though the interior hadn't been as affected by the sands of time as one might think. In fact, aside from a bit of rubble and a few skeletons here and there, the place seemed to be very well maintained.

But there was one thing that definitely caught their attention. There were several Lightsabers littered across the ground, each looking damaged as a result of battle. However, they seemed to still be in working order.

"Look at this place…!" Ventress gasped in awe.

She knelt down and picked up a curved hilt Lightsaber, and pressed

the ignition button. From the hilt sprang forth a fiery red plasma blade that quickly fizzled out due to the inner mechanisms of the hilt being too badly damaged.

"What happened here?" Ventress asked.

"From what I can remember, several members of the Old Republic's Jedi Order invaded the Sith Academy in an effort to take over Korriban by force." Talon explained.

"And who won?" Shaak asked.

"By the looks of things, I'd say that both sides lost this battle." Ahsoka guessed.

Talon just nodded in agreement. Since she was sent into the future during the battle, she had no way of knowing the true outcome. But then again, this was probably for the best. In factâ€| these scattered Lightsabers could prove to be a blessing in disquise.

"Shaak, Ventress, help me sort through these Lightsabers. Save any that are still fully functional. We'll disassemble any that have ceased functioning, and save any working parts and crystals." Talon ordered. "Ahsoka, go back to the ship and take care of Azusa. The little guy looks like he wants to play, and I don't want him to get hurt in a place like this."

The girls nodded in understanding, and Ahsoka definitely knew that Talon was right. Azusa was getting fussy, and no doubt wanted to play.

"Come on, little man. Let's go back to the ship, and you can play with mister bunny." Ahsoka cooed.

This caused Azusa to calm down a little, but he was still squirming a bit. This caused Ahsoka to giggle at her child. He was exactly like she was when she was a baby. Always full of energy and never staying in one place for too long.

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>***With Ben***_

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Ben's POV._

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>As I traversed the catacombs that made up the tomb of the Sith known as Tulak Hord, I used my surprisingly strong Force Sense to track the energy signatures I had detected.

I don't know why I was gifted with this ability, but according to Talon, it's a very rare ability that even fewer Jedi or Sith develop. And when they do get it, it usually develops immediately after the child leaves their mother's womb, depending on their Midichlorian count. Heck, even Yoda and Yadel never developed a Force Sense as strong as mine, and they were two of the oldest and wisest Jedi in

the order.

But I have no time to dwell on that. I still have a long way to go in order to find those Dark Side Force Signatures. So far, I've run into a few of the predators that inhabit these tombs, but they were nowhere near strong enough to so much as scratch me. I collected a few random parts from old Droids that I found here and there, knowing they'll come in handy sometime in the future.

I have to admit, this tomb really is a labyrinth. These tunnels and catacombs run all over the place, making it very easy to get lost. I'd be lying if I claimed to have not made at least one wrong turn.

"Now, if I were two new Sith imprisoned in these accursed tombs, where would I be?" I asked myself.

I could sense them, that much was certain, but I just couldn't seem to find them. That's when I saw something that stook out from the rest of the area.

It looked like a hall that I haven't explored yet. And there were a few non functioning Droids at the door, but I paid them no mind as I walked down the path. But for some reason, I got this nagging feeling in the back of my mind that I should have paid more attention to those Droids.

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>HELP! I need ideas as to who these new Sith Ben finds should be. The only exceptions being Sidious, Grievous, and Dooku. They can be OCs, or you can choose a character from the Star Wars franchise. A version of Ezra Bridger that became a Sith for whatever reason, or Lord Zash from that computer game, for example. PLEASE SEND IDEAS! Thank you and good bye!_

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